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THEM ON CURRENT STATE OF OUR RELATIONS WITH SOMALIA,
DRAWING ON THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS:

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UPON HIS RETURN FROM PEKING AND PRESENTED HIM WITH A
LETTER WHICH, TOGETHER WITH A REPLY FROM SIAD, WOULD
HAVE THE EFFECT OF REMOVING THE AMBIGUITIES IN OUR
EARLIER EXCHANGE WITH HIM ON THE SUBJECT OF HIS COMMIT-
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AND TO INCLUDE LETHAL ITEMS, I.E., ANTI-TANK WEAPONS,
ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS, AS WELL AS NON-LETHAL ITEMS.

-- SIAD INDICATED THAT HE IS PREPARED TO GIVE US THE
ASSURANCES WE SEEK. ONCE WE SEE IT IN WRITING, WE WILL

PROCEED WITH THE STEPS NECESSARY WITH CONGRESS TO IN-
AUGURATE A LIMITED DEFENSIVE ARMS PROGRAM.

-- WE HAVE INFORMED SIAD THAT WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION
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UNDOUBTEDLY BE APPROACHING OTHER COUNTRIES FOR SUCH ITEMS.
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